Welcome to Forensic Science

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Forensics news
Forensic Science Program Establishes Partnership with Life Technologies

Congratulations to Amanda Loffler who received a Student Award from the Chromatography forum of Delaware Valley for the MABN 2012 Conference in Baltimore, MD.

Congratulations to Jessica Westlund

about the program
Overarching Goals:
Be an international leader in forensic science education
Produce graduates that become future leaders in forensic science
Enhance academic excellence through a balanced emphasis on teaching, research, and service
Enhance the public's awareness of science through forensic science education

events
ACSM: Materials for Health & Medicine
Philadelphia, PA
19 August, 2013

Forensic Science Club Meeting
105 or 110 Woods
05 September, 2013

HTCIA International Conference
Training Camp
What to expect . . .

* FRNSC students will receive a rich educational experience through a hands-on, practical approach to forensic science education
* FRNSC students will be enabled to reach the highest levels of intellectual achievement and personal growth
* The Program provides open, welcoming, creative and adaptable teaching and research environments for its students, staff and faculty

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What to expect . . .

**Pre-major status**

**Year 1**
- Required Courses
  - Adjustment to College
**Year 2**
- Advanced Courses
  - Entrance into FRNSC major
What to expect . . .

Professional

Scientist

Forensic Scientist

What is expected . . .

* **Commitment** to academics
  * Active participation in class
  * Time management
  * Adequate and effective study habits
  * Learn about (and use!) the resources that are available to you
Become familiar with . . .

Course descriptions, **prerequisites** for courses, minors, listing of all general education courses by category

Adviser Information
Parent/Other Access
Registration (for spring) and Drop/Add
Degree Audit (registration date for spring)
GPA Prediction
Work Study Job Search

Course Drop Dates
Transferring Credit
Course Watch List
Early Progress Report
Final Exam Schedule
Transcript
Not all courses/sections will use ANGEL
Academic Opportunities . . .

- Learning Resources
  - Penn State Learning
  - Chemistry resource room
  - Physics lounge
  - Math center and online support material

- Seminars

- Internships

- Research

Strategies for Academic Success

Wednesday, September 5th
6:30 pm in 102 Thomas
Drop/Add Period and Late Drop

**Drop/Add**
- First 10 calendar days of the semester
- You can change your schedule without indication on your transcript
- Always try for an “even exchange” of credits

**Late Drop**
- Dropping a full-semester course after the drop/add period
- Permitted through the 12th week of the 15 week semester (9/6 – 11/16)
- Use with caution – you only have a total of 16 late drop credits for your entire time at Penn State!

Be VERY CAREFUL about student aid

What is expected . . .

**Professionalism**
- Be respectful of others
- Communicate effectively

**Build relationships**
- Peers
- Faculty
- Staff
- Advisor
E-mail Etiquette

* Always use your Penn State e-mail account
* When emailing faculty, staff, potential employers, etc. you should use standard grammar, spelling, and punctuation
  * Example of a formal salutation: Dear Dr. Holland
  * Be courteous and respectful
  * Proofread before sending!
* Do not use texting short cuts – your faculty won’t be “LOL”
* Be as specific as possible; include enough information
* Allow time for the reply
* Keep in mind that some inquiries may require the need for a phone call or face-to-face meeting

Social Opportunities . . .

* Forensic Science Club
  * First meeting: 9/3 from 6-8pm
* Take a Professor to Lunch
  * Contact Alyssa (115 Whitmore; acb134@psu.edu) to learn more about this program
Things to Remember . . .

* Don’t be afraid to **ask for help** – we are here to offer support and assistance
* **Explore the opportunities and resources** that are available to you
* Keep track of **important dates**
* Communication – **read emails** and be in touch
* **Organization and time management** are important – stay on top of things!
* Meet with Alyssa (your academic advisor) **at least once a semester**

PSU 016 sections 600-601

**REMEMINDER**

We will be meeting in 112 Borland on
August 27th at 12:20pm